**Haryana:** Public Health Engineering Department

At present, the coordination amongst various agencies and monitoring of sanctioned works under Yamuna Action Plan is being done by Government of India throught the Ministry of Environment & Forest. However, as the there are multiple agencies involved in Delhi, the Government of NCT of Delhi has been asked to constitute a high level committee to coordinate all works of pollution abatement of Yamuna.

**Water fowl in Chilka lake**

329. SHRI RAMACHNDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the decline in the number of water fowl in Nalabana Island in Chilka lake in Orissa, the area earmarked as a wildlife sanctuary; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the figures of water fowl during the last five years, both inside and outside the wildlife sanctuary area in Chilka lake?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The bird population inside the sanctuary fluectuates from year to year. Figures of water fowl during the last five years both inside and outside the wildlife sanctuary as per the Wildlife Wing of State Forest Department is as follows:

| Year | Inside the Sanctuary area | Outside the Sanctuary area | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1997-98 | N.A. | N.A. | 22.00 lakhs |
| 1998-99 | 8.45 | 3.92 | 12.37 lakhs |
| 1999-00 | 9.75 | 5.72 | 15.48 lakhs |
| 2000-01 | 6.56 | 3.38 | 09.94 lakhs |
| 2001-02 | 2.33 | 12.80 | 15.13 lakhs |

Thus, it can be seen that the bird population has increased in this area in the year 2001-02. This has happened due to the formation of Birds Protection Committee amongst the peripheral villages and provision of loan to poachers through the nationalized banks for adopting alternate livelihoods options.